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SUBJECT: US-PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS-HOUSE AMENDMENT

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1. DURING A JUNE 30 MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR, FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO REFERRED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTE TO HALT FUNDING OF THE PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AS A MATTER OF GRAVE CONVERN. HE CHARACTERIZED THE MOVE AS MORE SERIOUS THAN THE RESOLUTION WHICH THIRTY SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE SENATE HAD SIGNED EARLIER IN OPPOSITION TO CONCESSIONS ON THE CANAL ISSUE.

2. EL TIEMPO, BOGOTA'S LEADING DAILY (LIBERAL) RAN A SHORT EDITORIAL ON JUNE 30 EXPRESSING CRITICISM OF THE HOUSE ACTION. THE TIEMPO EDITORIAL LABELED THE HOUSE ACTION SENSELESS AND STATED THAT THE ACTION OF THE HOUSE IN TAKING LIGHTLY THE PANAMAIAIAN ASPIRATIONS FOR SOVERIEGNTY WERE INDICATIVE OF OUTDATED COLONIALISM CRITERIA.

3. THE INTERVIEW OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ BY JOANNE OMANG, WHICH APPEARED ON THE JUNE 28 WASHINGTON POST HAS NOT YET BEEN PICKED UP BY THE BOGOTA PRESS. (EMBASSY RECEIVED TEXT IN WIRELESS FILE). LOPEZ STATED IN THAT INTERVIEW THAT THE HOUSE ACTION WOULD ECLIPSE DICUSSION OF CUBA AT THE JULY OAS MEETING AND THAT THE ACTION AWAKENS THE OLD IMAGE OF U.S. IMPERIALISM.

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